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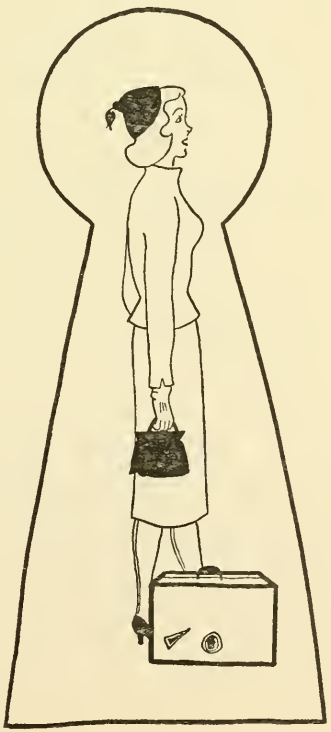
Thinking of entering our gates?
May we then present you with

"The Key to Sweet Briar College"



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Preface

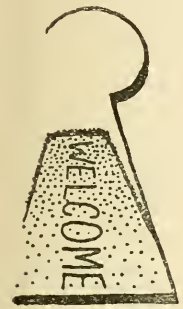
To you who are considering entering Sweet Briar's realms, THE KEY is dedicated. We have tried to capture here the lighter side of campus life but the picture is necessarily limited, for all of Sweet Briar and its intangible spirit can never be set down in print. THE KEY was originally designed to furnish the answers to the numerous questions that arise during the first few weeks of college life. It is being sent to you, as a prospective student, for we know you have questions too. We hope that by letting you in on a few customs and traditions which are the very essence of Sweet Briar, you'll have a clearer picture of all phases of our campus life.

The Student Body is organized under an honor system governing all phases of academic and social life. Our Student Government is divided into two branches: the Executive Committee, and the Judicial Board. These are composed of elected representatives who assume administrative responsibilities, but a student government is only as effective as each student makes it.

We earnestly hope you will be encouraged by these brief glances to become a participating member of the Sweet Briar Community. Should you decide to join our next freshman class, be assured that a warm welcome awaits you.

THE EDITOR.

Orientation



Upon your arrival, you will meet the members of Orientation who, as a part of Y.W.C.A., will introduce you to Sweet Briar. During the first week this group, as enthusiastic about your being here as you are, will dash around conducting you on campus tours, seeing about your schedule for the opening days, and so forth. You, together with a few other freshmen, will be placed under the exclusive care of one upperclassman, who is available throughout the year to help you in personal matters and to show you the light on academic habits and responsibilities. This student advisor of yours will also take you to meetings of the Executive Committee of the Student Government Association and of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet so you can see *your* student government in action! So whether you're wondering about books or the boxwoods, the Orientation Committee is all for you!

For any problems or questions concerning the academic side of College life, you will have a Senior Aide who is happy to help you from her three years of experience.

As for entertainment, there's the Freshman Dance early in October arranged by the Orientation Committee. This is your chance to meet those mythical males from U. Va. and W. and L. or the uniformed cadets of V. M. I. (If the abbreviations are new to you, they stand for the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, and Virginia Military Institute.) If you know some one around, here's an opportunity to ask him over for a dance but never fear if you're starting anew in sunny Virginia. There'll be stags galore eager to date our freshman class and plenty of mixing so you'll know many men before the evening's over.

Have you thought about . . .

Your roommate

What will she be like? You have us there, because we can't tell you specifically whether she is neat or messy, tall or short, funny or serious. We can say, though, that she is bound to be a combination of many things adding up to a human being who will be just as bewildered as you. You can help each other a lot the first few weeks, and it will probably not be long before you'll wonder how you ever got along without her.

Your room

Yes, we know your room will seem terribly bleak and bare those first few days. But with a little initiative you will no longer have to shudder when you open your eyes in the morning for your room will assume complete livability . . . if you just follow the hints on the next page.

Room Appeal

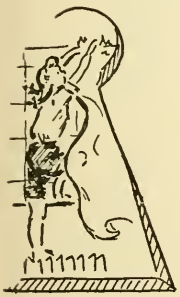
Your room—to be different from all other rooms—is not only for sleeping, but is your "home away from home."

Essentials are:

Sheets (four to six single)	Blankets
Pillowcases (three or four)	Towels, Washcloths

From home you might also bring:

Clock	Bureau Scarves
Typewriter	Pictures and Pennants
Skirt Hangers	Stuffed Animals and Doodads
Hair Dryer	Radio or Victrola
Favorite Books	Extra Pillows (one is furnished)



Lynchburg is always near at hand for:

Garment Bag	Shower Cap
Pin-up Lamp	Drying Rack
Study Lamp	Culinary Tools
Curtains	Mirrors
Bedspreads	Back Rest
Scatter Rugs	Cabinet for sweaters and odds and ends
Clothes Brush	
Sewing Bag and Scissors	Shoe Polish
Soap Dish	Shoe Bag

Just as you'll want to get together with your roommate in picking out your curtains and bedspreads, you might like to take advantage of the convenient Picture Rental Plan. For a dollar you can enjoy in your room all year fine color prints of masterpieces of art, already framed.

A Look Into Your Closet

Before you go shopping for all those new school clothes, remember that your old things will be new to us here.

In the fall, into October, and again in the spring, you will need a good supply of cottons.

As the weather gets colder you will need the usual skirts, sweaters, saddle shoes or loafers for class wear and a suit for town. For Sunday church you will need a hat.

Especially popular for keeping out the cold are long wool scarves and knee socks. For casual wear after class or when out on a picnic Bermudas or kilts are the vogue. Blue jeans are also worn but when outdoors must be covered by a full length coat. For Friday night dinners and Sundays, you will need silk and wool dresses, while for everyday dinners you will get away from the classroom look by tossing your loafers into the closet and donning pumps or "flats." For dating the clothes depend, naturally, on the activity; a suit for football games, dressed up wool or taffeta for weekends and a short or long formal for dances. In preparation for the precipitative phenomena of the weather that sneak into our mountains, bring a raincoat, rain hat, boots, and warm clothes for building a snow man.

If you are interested in riding, don't forget your boots, breeches, and riding coat, and a hard hat if you want to hunt. If you plan to go out for varsity tennis you will need white shorts. In the spring you will want your bathing suit for sun bathing and swimming at the lake, and pedal pushers or Bermuda shorts for picnics. With all of these suggestions plus bathrobe and slippers in the front ready for constant use, your closet will be amply supplied for any occasion.

We have a college laundry, but don't forget to sew name tapes on everything you plan to send to it. The maid on your hall will do your extra perishable things for a price.

On campus there are two seamstresses who will alter dresses or whip up a new blouse and help you in countless ways with your sewing problems.

Dollar $igns

Even if budgets turn you slightly gray with fear, don't get frantic at the thought of managing finances on your own for the first time. You don't have to be an experienced banker; in planning your budget, all you need are a few hints as to where your pocket money may go.

Before you know it, you will have to restock your supply of necessities such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste, You will be buying these supplies all year, so allow enough money for your favorite brand. Your weekly washing, done by the college laundry, is included in the main fee (there is a maximum quota of course!); but dry cleaning, shoe repair, and special laundering by the maids are extra and must come out of your pocket. A donation to the annual Campus Chest Drive (more about this on page 20) will also be an important item in your budget.

The remainder of your spending is entirely up to you. Snacks at the Inn or Date House, bus trips into Lynchburg ($.70 there and back), and hamburgers in Amherst are all optional, but inevitable. If you are of the riding set, you will spend about $50 a season for instruction and rides, or if you are an occasional rider, the rate is $3.50 per ride. Upon your arrival, you will go to the Book Shop to make an initial deposit of $50 for books and supplies. Any of this payment not spent will be returned to you of course, but in your first year your book expenses will probably exceed this amount.

The Student Activities fee of $30 is due at the very beginning of the year. This covers membership in Student Government Association, Y. W. C. A., Athletic Association; tickets for Paint and Patches plays; subscriptions to all college publications.

You can see that a checking account is highly desirable, but not a "must" as the Treasurer's Office will open a drawing account for you at any time.

You deposit your funds at the treasurer's office and they will issue you a check book. For those of you who have accounts with home banks, the treasurer's office will honor those checks.

From the past . . .

Founders' Day

Founders' Day at Sweet Briar comes in October. After a program in the gym, the seniors, wearing their black robes for the first time (hemmed by you!), are joined by the college community in a brief ceremony on Monument Hill, where members of the Fletcher and Williams families are buried.

Parents' Day

This is your family's chance to chat with the Faculty at informal teas, meet your roommate and new friends, and have a tour (personally conducted by you) around the campus. Make plans right now for them to come.

Senior Show

A real dramatic highlight of the year is the greatest show on earth —the Senior Show, naturally. Somehow the overworked Seniors manage to write, direct and act in a show that is put on and over with a bang in November. The keynotes are usually a satire on Sweet Briar and themselves, and lively songs (these are also a product entirely of the seniors' talents) that are sung all the rest of the year.

Faculty Show

Once in a college generation the faculty combine unsuspected talents to create a phenomenon of laughs and subtleties. It is amazing for most of us to discover that the faculty have such an insight into our lives. The next faculty show is slated for January, 1958. Don't miss this opportunity to see yourselves and the faculty in a new light!

Freshman Show

The Seniors and Faculty don't take all the honors in original entertainment, for one of the exciting annual events is the Freshman Show. It is written, directed, and produced by you the Freshmen. You assemble your talents in March and the night before Spring vacation put on the "show of shows." An eagerly awaited event, it is always a lively success.

Stepsinging

It won't be long now until you not only know exactly what is meant by "stepsinging" but also will have participated in this tradition. You'll learn that often spontaneously and at least four times a year—fall, Christmas, spring, and at graduation—all four classes gather in the quadrangle to sing. Each class sings to her sister class and you will sing to yours, the juniors. This is an occasion when the seniors proudly occupy their coveted Golden Stairs and the juniors their almost-as-stately Bench.

The sophomores sit on the ground facing the Sophomore Wall, which is just outside the quadrangle. You freshmen will sit on the side of the quadrangle nearest to the beloved Hitching Post, which is yours to paint in your class colors and to defend against attempted sophomore paintings. An element of suspense is added at the fall stepsinging by the announcement of the new Tau Phi members, and in the spring by that of the Q V's. After the last stepsinging the underclassmen rush for their newly acquired positions, and before you know it, you, too, will be dashing for that Sophomore Wall.

Marching

The first or second Sunday night after you arrive at school you will be introduced to another tradition — one of the most exciting at S. B. C. It's not a fire, it's not a chain gang, it's Aints and Asses choosing new members. They march through the halls of every dorm, stopping outside the door of each newly chosen candidate. Later in the year, other groups follow the same custom, marching to choose their new members, Chung Mungs on the night of fall stepsinging, Bum Chums in the spring.

Dances and Dates

Most every weekend, convertibles and grey flannels are very much in evidence on campus. Upperclassmen have the job of rushing around finding blind dates for many of these young men. Three

times a year we have really BIG weekends here on campus. These are the Freshman Dance, Midwinters, and May Day with BIG plans from Friday until Sunday. If you come to Sweet Briar not knowing any men around these parts, don't worry because there'll be opportunities to meet them.

Christmas Bazaar

Come a Thursday early in December, basement Grammer from Commons through the parlors will be teeming with noise and the clink of hard saved pennies. The local stores move to Sweet Briar for a day and they promise the right gift for everyone on your shopping list. With the added attractions of Christmas decorations, food booths, and an auction, the Christmas bazaar is a real time-saver and invariably proves entertaining. The proceeds of it go to the college endowment fund.

May Day

Hold on to your date! What's a tiny picket fence to a long legged male motivated by the sight of the graceful procession of the May Queen and her Court. This is the picture of Sweet Briar you will remember longest — the pastel colors, the green dell, spring flowers, and the white columns of Sweet Briar house half-hidden by the boxwoods. Other activities of May Day weekend include the May Day Dance, and the Tau Phi-Chung Mung baseball game. Start praying with us now for good weather!

Amherst County Day

Amherst County Day has been an annual spring event at Sweet Briar since 1922. Under the auspices of college officials, the day was started as an occasion to foster cordial relationships between the people of Amherst County and the college. Having always been interested in the county people through Y.W.C.A. work, the students like to take part in entertaining the visitors.

Lantern Night

Lantern night is the last tradition before graduation exercises. Each senior chooses a lantern bearer, usually from her sister class, to make an original lantern for her, and to carry it during the candlelit song program.

Hooding

The hooding ceremony takes place at graduation immediately after diplomas are received. The "hooder," clad in white, sits behind her senior. At the proper moment, the hood, lined with Sweet Briar's rose and green, is placed over the head of the new alumna. And once again a senior class has participated in the tradition that is a fitting climax to four years at Sweet Briar.

The above are only some of the events that occur here year after year. You will take part in many others very soon after your arrival.

To the present . . .

Book Shop

Not only will the Book Shop supply your academic needs, but also Helen Mac can provide you with books of every kind, stationery, post cards, greeting cards, and attractive handmade gifts including jewelry, pottery, glassware and ceramics.

Post Office

Beneath the Book Shop is the place to which you will trudge hopefully umpteen times a day. You will be assigned a P. O. box according to the alphabet, and you will probably have a box mate. If the mail truck (it comes in three times a day) disappoints you, the personnel are always cheery and sympathetic and

will be glad to sell you stamps or mail your packages for you at the following hours: 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday; 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. on Saturday. On Sunday from 1:30 p. m. to 2:30 p. m. they're also open to sell stamps and to distribute packages.

Boxwood Inn

For guests at the college including parents and dates the Inn provides attractive accommodations and to one and all delicious meals are served in the dining room. It is the gathering place for a mid-morning cup of coffee and a chat with friends or professors and the perfect spot to splurge on a steak dinner or Sunday night buffet supper. As an added attraction the Inn bakes cakes for student parties and will pack a picnic lunch any time.

Date House

For your "car-less" dates you'll find an evening of bridge or television at the Date House just what you ordered. If you're ready for a change from refectory meals or you can't bring yourself to dress for dinner, your feet will automatically turn toward the Date House for a hamburger and a fudge sundae.

Need we say more? Your hunger pangs will discover all too soon this fatal attraction.

Also, it is our drugstore on campus, supplying necessities such as soap, toothpaste, and shampoo and in-between-meal food for sale at the snack bar.

Commons

Commons is a magnet which pulls you away from your work. Located on the ground floor of Grammer, Commons is a social room equipped with coke machine, candy machines, bridge tables and piano. This is the room for that refreshing pause to break up a long evening of study. Little Commons, the same idea on a smaller scale, is located in Randolph.

Boathouse

The boathouse serves not only as a shelter for rowboats and canoes. The attractive lounge with an open fireplace is used all year for indoor picnics with dates, and student parties.

In the early fall and spring, the deck of the boathouse makes an ideal place for sun bathing interspersed with refreshing dips in the lake or a row down to the dam.

There is also an outdoor fireplace for cooking steaks or hot dogs on spring picnics.

Infirmary

An infirmary does not always have to have bad associations. When you are sick it is wonderful to relax in one of the infirmary's soft beds. There is a note box at the front door where your friends can leave notes, and your mail. With a small radio to cheer you up, current magazines, and breakfast in bed, you will get well quickly.

The infirmary is open daily and any aches and pains are assured prompt treatment by the college doctor or the two registered nurses.

Slave Cabin

A slave cabin many years ago, this one-room building has been made over into a tiny chapel, still retaining its antique charm. Here you may come at any time to sit quietly and meditate, in a room sheltered by old trees and boxwoods that contribute much to its tranquil air.

Patch Box

Here you can get your hair washed, set, cut and permanented, and nails done. The Patch Box is conveniently located in the basement of the gym. Come and see if the Patch Box can revamp you. It is also a wonderful on-campus shopping center and provides an attractive assortment of jewelry, cosmetics and other accessories.

A. A. Cabin

A wonderful thing for you who are fond of the woods and a primitive atmosphere, the cabin offers the informal comfort of a warm fire on chilly days and food cooked over it by your own hands. Such delights may be had by picnic or overnight groups, the latter in the company of a cabin leader and a member of the faculty or staff.

Church and Chapel Services

Sunday morning Church, at 11 o'clock, is open to all, and visiting ministers from many denominations conduct the services. Many students also attend churches in nearby Amherst or Lynchburg.

Vespers are held every Sunday night and chapel services twice a week. Additional services are held during Lent.

Chapel Choir

For any girls who like choral singing there is a voluntary informal choir that sings at chapel services twice a week. Participation in this group affords good experience for other choral work.

In Town

Sweet Briar, you will soon discover, *is* in the country and a trip to Lynchburg is an expedition of 35 minutes. Buses run into town fairly often. Keep a list of your shopping needs, add to it a good movie and a steak, and the bus trip won't seem half so long. You may experience a slight sense of shock when the bus climbs into Lynchburg, but don't let it throw you, you'll get used to it.

Lynchburg offers many adequate shops and other facilities. For clothes there are Guggenheimer's, Millner's, and Baldwin's (department stores) as well as Vogue. For records visit Phillip's, Millner's, L. Oppleman. Try Leggett's, Snyder and Berman, Schewel's, or either of the department stores for your interior decorating needs and Brown-Morrison or J. P. Bell for stationery and such. To satisfy your appetite, the White House, Mack and Ann's, the Steak Cellar, and the Town and Country Restaurant, are open to serve you either a light lunch or a steak, while the tearoom in Guggenheimer's will suffice for a sundae or a sandwich. For a special treat of Italian food, you will enjoy Virginia and Bill's. If you have your family or date, you will find The Columns or the dining room at the Virginian Hotel a little more formal. And for the movies, the Paramount and the Warner will give you a choice in town or a little farther out there's the Fort Early Theater. Two drive-ins are open in spring and fall.

If you and your date are in a party mood, you can chat at the White House after dinner, while Brandt's, the Florence, Buck's or Bill's Barn offer music as well as food if your friends have a car to take you there. These are as close as Lynchburg comes to having a night club.

On the cultural side there is the Lynchburg Little Theatre which presents six plays a year and the Community Concert series which sponsors concerts, opera and ballet.

You might want to join the Oakwood Country Club or the Boonsboro Club. There are student membership rates and the clubs are very nice if you have Lynchburg friends or a golf addict on your hands. Oakwood has extended an invitation for all Sweet Briar students and their dates to attend their Saturday night dances for a small fee per couple.

Amherst is just three miles away in the opposite direction from Lynchburg. It's a small country town, but Ye Olde Traveler's Inn, the Amherst Restaurant, the Char-Del, and Tommie's will feed you and you can get your staples at one of three grocery stores. A ten-cent store, a drugstore, hardware stores, radio and shoe repair shops will supply you with the other necessities of life.

Away for the week end

A Sweet Briar girl's life is not all homework and fresh air. You'll find a well beaten path from here to nearby University of Virginia in Charlottesville and W. & L. and V. M. I. in Lexington, with the traffic two-way. If, however, your interests happen to be farther away, Washington, New York, Princeton, Chapel Hill, Annapolis and other distant points are actually easy trips for the trains from Sweet Briar.

Fortunately the transportation problem is not difficult for Lynchburg has its own airport and the college is on the main line of the Southern Railway.

Publications

The Sweet Briar News

Sweet Briar's weekly newspaper offers you a chance from the very beginning to show your talents. If you can write news articles, don't waste any time—offer your services. If this work is not in your line, come and help proofread, draw cartoons, write headlines, or circulate issues. The *News* will welcome you with open arms. In the early spring, the freshmen publish their own issue.

The Brambler

Poems, short stories, articles, photographs, drawings, and other creative efforts of the students are published in this literary magazine. Membership on the staff may be achieved with the publication of three items, by work with the advertising staff, and by helping with the typing and make up. At the end of second semester, the staff gives a tea in honor of those girls who have contributed to the *Brambler* during the year.

We invite the incoming class to sign in the fall for participation on the staff, and to submit for publication any creative work.

The Briar Patch

This annual is a junior class project, but you can be getting ideas the first two years for making your yearbook one of the best records of Sweet Briar life.

The Handbook and The Key

The *Students' Handbook* contains constitutions of several organizations, general regulations, and other necessary information. It serves as a textbook in preparation for the Student Government examination that is given in the fall and as an index for constant reference throughout the year.

The Key, however, is solely for the purpose of introducing prospective students to the more informal side of Sweet Briar.

Organizations

In 1954 the students at Sweet Briar decided that there were too many clubs. So much time and energy was spent rushing to varied meetings that few students felt they could give any one club their full participation or interest. We elected to drop all but those we considered most valuable. The academic departments sponsor movies, lectures, and discussions formerly provided by departmental clubs.

The Sweet Briar Choir

Membership in the Sweet Briar Choir is considered an honor. Members are chosen in the fall, on the basis of good voices and the ability to fit into ensemble singing. The Choir sings every Sunday in church and presents programs in nearby churches as well as an outstanding Christmas Carol Service.

Every year one or two joint concerts are held with clubs from men's colleges such as Lehigh, Trinity, the University of Virginia, Princeton, or Haverford. The Glee Club may also add its musical note on such occasions as Founders' Day, May Day, and other college events.

Paint and Patches

Paint and Patches offers you opportunity on two fronts: in the limelight or backstage. Cooperation of the two is the secret of their successful productions. Your first chance comes when the winter play provides roles and crew work for freshmen and upperclassmen who have not worked on a "P. and P." production before. Membership is attained only after an accumulation of many good hours of work on either front.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. is one of the most active organizations on campus and claims every Sweet Briar student as a member. In general it emphasizes the importance of Christian living and strives to overcome indifference, ignorance, or confusion of students in regard to the place of Christian faith in modern living. More specifically, the "Y" sponsors activities such as Religious Emphasis Week, Sunday vespers, and charity drives for overseas relief.

Art and Music Club

Membreship is open to any interested in joining. The Club sponsors lectures, movies and open discussions on many phases of art and music.

The World Affairs Club

The Club is open to any who are interested in world events. It sponsors lectures, often with outside speakers, and discussion on topics of current interest.

Dance Club

For those interested in modern dance, Sweet Briar has three clubs: Tanz Zirkel, Dance Group, and Choreography. The first two emphasize the development of basic technique; members of Choreography, the most advanced group, concentrate on the methods and principles of choreography. In the spring a dance recital is presented through the combined efforts of all three groups.

Campus Chest

The Campus Chest conducts the annual funds drive, *one big combined drive* for funds to support welfare projects here and abroad. The goal is set at about $6500. Roughly half of this sum is put towards our own scholarships for foreign students to enable students from other countries to study at Sweet Briar.

Development Program and Auditorium Fund

For several years, everyone connected with Sweet Briar—which means students, faculty, alumnae, parents, and good friends—has been working for and contributing to Sweet Briar's Golden Anniversary Development Fund. 1956, our fiftieth year, is the climax of this $2,500,000 program for increased endowment and several new buildings. One of these, the William Bland Dew dormitory, is to open in September 1956; the science building and auditorium are still to come. The students' pet project, the long-wanted AUDITORIUM, has been aided through the years by all kinds of benefit shows, and earnings from such miscellaneous efforts as baby sitting and hair-cutting.

The Committee on Vocational Guidance

An active group of faculty and students get together often to discuss important matters in regard to your future after that college diploma is acquired. This is the Committee on Vocational Guidance. The Committee's primary responsibilities are to furnish information on job requirements and opportunities, to make contacts, and to give efficient, dependable service to students and employers. The Director of Vocational Guidance will give you information on how to find "that job" upon graduation or will help you land summer work.

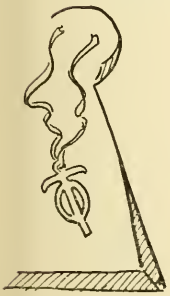
Honors and Honoraries

Freshman Honors and Dean's List

On the academic side is the opportunity to make Freshman Honors or the Dean's List. This does not mean that you have to don horn-rimmed glasses and develop flat feet and stringy hair. Honors can come to anyone who applies herself to her studies in an effort to get a comprehensive and correlated view of what is offered. The freshmen have their day at the Freshman Honors Convocation in February when the best students are named.

Phi Beta Kappa

Election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa is just about the peak in scholastic honors, and only a few students attain this distinction each year. Names of new members are usually announced early in the second semester, although sometimes additional seniors are named at Commencement.



Tau Phi

Composed of seniors and juniors who have shown an outstanding combination of scholarship, character, and constructive influence, Tau Phi aims to stimulate the best interests of Sweet Briar. Several times a year Tau Phi has open discussion meetings on subjects of interest to the community.

QV

The members of QV, sophomore honorary society, are elected by their classmates in the fall for the spirit and enthusiasm they displayed as freshmen in unifying their class. Their names are kept secret from all except the Dean's office until spring stepsinging of the sophomore year. During this year they work behind the scenes to promote class spirit.

Chung Mungs

The Chung Mungs are a sheet-clad society which delights in robbing the honorable Tau Phi's of some of their well-preserved dignity. During the year they employ their energy for the more serious purpose of aiding the Funds Drive and, of course, for presenting their fashion show which features their choice for May Queen.

Bum Chums

"The notorious ten" are chosen at the end of the sophomore year. They manage the coke machines in Big and Little Commons and are hostesses at several "Holiday Inns" at Boxwood Inn during the year. They are always contriving new and better ways to produce money which they can contribute to worthy charitable causes.

Aints and Asses

The Asses' foremost purpose is to make the dignified "P. and P." dramatists appear in a different light. They stage rollicking take-offs of P. and P. productions. A sense of humor, a thorough enjoyment of nonsense, and the ability to concoct spur-of-the-moment presentations are requisites for members. Their chief duty starts early in the spring when every member brandishes a shrill whistle to scare fellow students off the grass.

In the Future . . .

Sports

Have you ever shaken hands with a hockey stick?
Do you know what a horse looks like?
Do you look like Venus in a leotard?
Every student upon enrolling becomes a member of the Athletic Association which plays an important part in campus life. The "A. A." and the Physical Education Department work together to provide the best possible advantages for each sport division.

Gym work covers three seasons. In the fall hockey and lacrosse are the team sports, which provide a wonderful way for freshmen to get acquainted. For potential Robin Hoods there is archery, and for mountain climbers, the walk to the Cabin is a good hike.

In the winter all eyes turn to basketball with its many intra- and extra-mural games. Modern dance, too, takes the stage in the long cold months, at which time preparations are made for the spring recital. Then there are many games for those optional gym hours—badminton, deck tennis, squash, volleyball and ping-pong. Horseback riding, one of the most popular sports at Sweet Briar, functions in all kinds of weather, since we are blessed with an indoor ring as well as an outdoor ring and many trails.

Springtime, of course, brings back the good old outdoors with tennis, swimming, boating and canoeing. The community tennis tournament, Lake Day, and Gala Night offer plenty of opportunities for competition. Lacrosse is also played in the spring and the dancers perform again at May Day.

No matter which sport or sports you choose (you'll probably want to take part in many!) you'll find them fun and yourself personifying "esprit de corps."

You as a Guide

If you detect a slight rustle at your neck, it is probably your parents reading over your shoulder—as curious as you are about the place to which they are sending their young prodigy. In addition to a vicarious view of Sweet Briar through your letters, they will want to visit you sometime during the year. Choose a time when some special activity is scheduled, such as Parents' Day or the Senior Show in the fall, or maybe a time when nothing is pending, and you are free to entertain them as you wish. Anyway, here are a few hints to a new hostess on campus.

First: be sure to make reservations ahead of time at the Boxwood Inn or the Virginian Hotel, Amherst Motor Court, Thomas' Motor Lodge, White Oaks Motel, or a tourist home in Amherst.

Second: take them with you to class and sports, but be sure first that the teacher is not inconvenienced or planning a quiz. Your parents will probably prefer this to waiting and merely getting glimpses of you between classes. And introduce them to your adviser and your Resident Counselor if you have a chance to do so.

You will probably want to get a group of your friends together for dinner and the movies in town, but be sure to take your visitors to dinner in the refectory at least once. It is a good place for them to get to know your friends.

When your family drives here, it is a most opportune time to take a spin along the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive or to sight-see at Natural Bridge, Monticello, or other places of historic interest, such as Appomattox and Williamsburg.

In Conclusion

It would be impossible to forecast all that you will encounter at Sweet Briar. This we do not pretend to do. Practically as soon as you arrive at Sweet Briar you will learn about our cherished Honor System which governs every aspect of our life here. It places responsibility on each student as an individual and as a member of the community. Sweet Briar is a way of life and we feel that her Honor System is one of her most outstanding features. More than just showing you Sweet Briar's human side, we aim at presenting the key to its spirit, or at least, putting it within your reach. If our small publication can hit this lofty target, then we will be satisfied.

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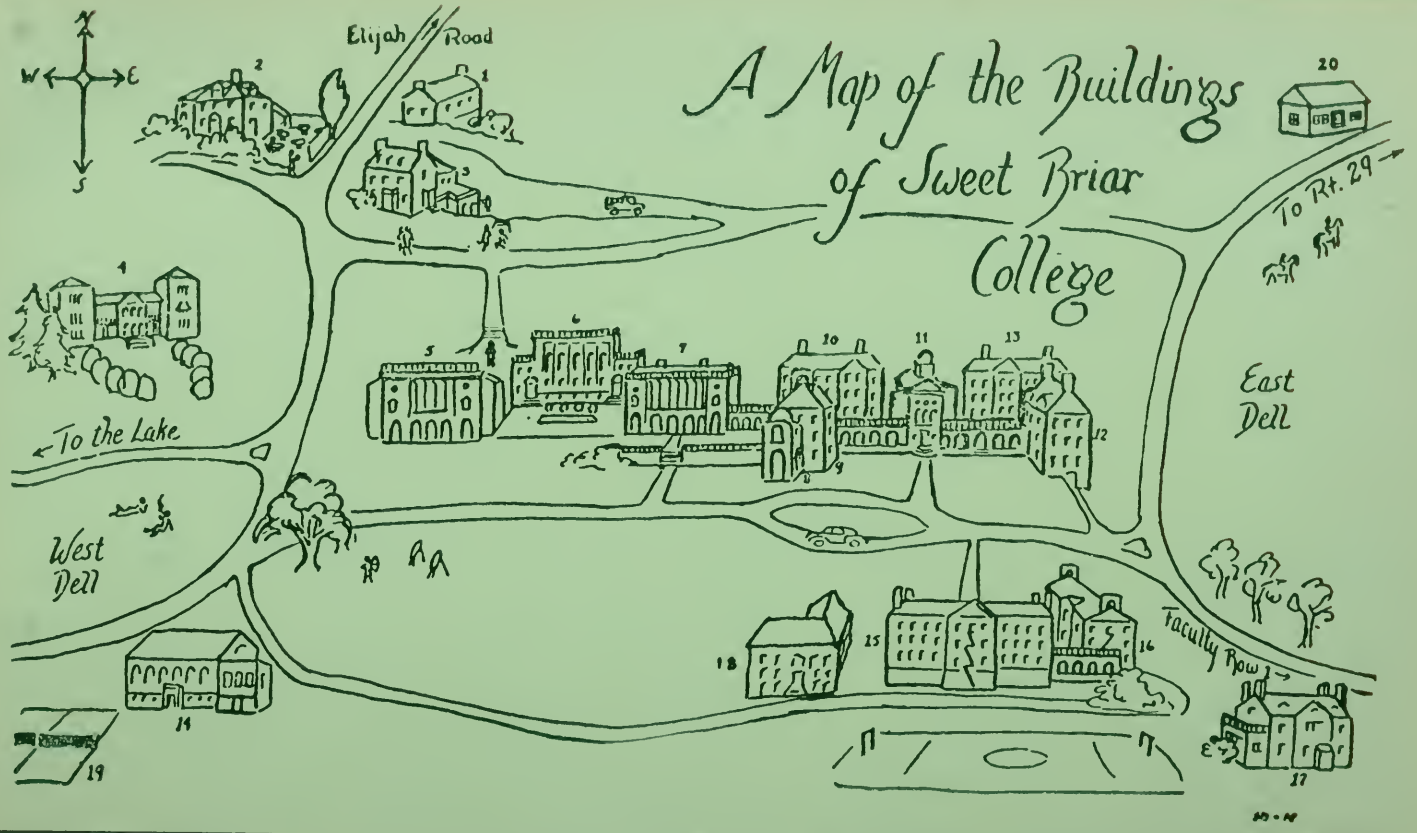

1. *Music Building*
2. *Boxwood Inn*
3. *Book Shop and Post Office*
4. *Sweet Briar House*
5. *Fletcher*
6. *Library*
7. *Academic*
8. *Information Office*
9. *Gray*
10. *Carson*
11. *Refectory*
12. *Randolph*
13. *Manson*
14. *Gymnasium*
15. *Reid*
16. *Grammer*
17. *Infirmary*
18. *Dew*
19. *Tennis Courts*
20. *"Date House"*